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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
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Deputy for Collection Tasking  
SUBJECT: Defense Reconnaissance Support Program (DRSP)

1. Action Required: None at this time. [redacted] 25X1

2. Background: On 3 July, the D/NRO met with representatives of the Services, JCS, DIA and OSD to discuss comments on the draft concept paper for the formation and operation of the DRSP (attached). [redacted] participated as the DCI representative. [redacted] 25X1

3. As you might expect, the Services are strongly opposed to the concept but there is a clear sense of fatalism because of OSD insistence that there will be such a program. The criticisms can be summarized as follows: [redacted] 25X1

- Not enough specifics on the duties and authorities of the D/NRO over Service programs.
- Question the value of an additional layer of management.
- Impact on ongoing efforts such as TENCAP programs.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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- Service participation in an advisory panel to the D/NRO (it came out that a rump session of the Defense Resources Board designated the DRB(I) would be the senior review mechanism).
- Urged a military (flag rank) deputy for the DRSP.
- Question the sweeping nature of the dissemination responsibility in the concept.
- Question the conflict of interest in the marriage of the positions of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force R&D, D/NRO and D/DRSP.

25X1 4. Next step is for Bob Hermann to redo his paper and submit it to  
25X1 Murphy and Dinneen by 9 July (a deadline he has not made). We should get a  
copy when completed, and we plan to discuss it with Murphy and Dinneen after  
you and I and [ ] have developed a position on it. It appears that our key  
concerns will hinge on what Hermann proposes to include in the DRSP. What he  
will recommend is not clear at this time because he seems to be backing off  
some of his earlier proposals. [ ]

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